Today's News - December 10, 2004

Back from the Black Forest (and a very slim Starck...we'll tell you all about it shortly)...there's much to catch up with... Los Angeles loses a maker of its skyline. — A new design organization in Scotland wants to raise the bar in architectural standards. — Cambridge architecture department wins a temporary stay of execution. — Chicago could be in for some breathtaking bridges. — Shortlist selected for redevelopment of London's Jubilee Gardens. — Starchitects designing everywhere in Israel, but is it such a good thing? — Design for another Melbourne cultural complex sure to stir debate. — Predock wins new museum in Taiwan. — Praise for L.A.'s Caltrans headquarters (so high, the adjectives almost ran out). — Fate of L.A.'s (sort of) historic Ambassador Hotel causing civic calamity. — An architect creates a catalog of house designs to bring high design to the masses. — Europeans have a better handle on perfecting prefab. — In the Swedish woods, a house expands and contracts. — A sneak-peek at the best U.S. architecture and design schools (you have to pay for the whole list). — Weekend diversions: an exhibition started in 1927 wows them in Haifa; books on Brazil's Modernism and American suburbs worth curling up with; movies with architects as psychos and saints.

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Obituary: Building a Legacy: Architect J. Edward Martin/AC Martin Partners, 88, Left His Imprint on the City Skyline- LA Downtown News

Building on Scotland's heritage: It's time to recreate glory days, says new design body-Architecture and Design Scotland (A+DS)- Guardian (UK)

Cambridge University Architecture faculty wins stay of execution- Independent (UK)

City of Chicago announces finalists in "Bridge The Drive" competition - Annex 5; Cordogan, Clark

& Associates; Lohan Caprile Goettsch; Murphy/Jahn; OWP/P; Phillips Swager Associates; Richard Rogers Partnership; Teng; 3d Design Studio; Wight and Company/Edward Windhorst Architects [images]- Chicago Architecture Foundation

Shortlist Announced For Jubilee Gardens Redevelopment in Waterloo, London - EDAW; Gross Max; Land Use Consultants/Thomas Heatherwick Studio/Dan Pearson Studio; West 8- Open South Bank and Waterloo

Building Israel: Libeskind, Botta and Gehry are among the master builders reimagining the landscape of Jerusalem and other Israeli cities. But should the country be importing these design stars? By Esther Hecht - Calatrava; Legorreta; Diamond and Schmitt/Kolker Epstein; Nouvel; Hadid; Safdie; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill/Ram Karmi; Yaski-Sivan Architects/Philippe Starck; etc.- Hadassah Magazine

Another bold step on Melbourne's arts stage: ...rush to shed its demure image as a grand Victorian city...\$91 million project...likely to prompt public debate... - Ashton Raggatt McDougall [image]- The Age (Australia)

New art museum to grace southern Taiwan - Antoine Predock - Taiwan Journal

A Building as a Beacon for a City's Plans: ... Caltrans headquarters holds out the promise that downtown Los Angeles could reclaim its stature as one of the most original and vibrant urban experiments in America. By Nicolai Ouroussoff - Thom Mayne/Morphosis [images/slideshow]- New York Times

Civic Calamity on the Horizon: Conservancy's Lawsuit Sets Up a Nasty, and Unnecessary, Battle: The fate of the former Ambassador Hotel...involving schools and special interests. By Sam Hall Kaplan - Myron Hunt; Paul Williams- LA Downtown News

llan Pivko plans to bring architecture to the masses- Ha`aretz (Israel)

Green Acres, One Piece at a Time: ...the road to prefab bliss is filled with caveats and compromises ...when it came to the development of prefabs, European designers like Mr. Kaufmann led the way. - Oskar Leo Kaufmann/OLK [images/slide show]- New York Times

The incredible shrinking house: It grows in summer and retreats into its shell in winter.

Jonathan Glancey visits Sweden's 'accordion' cabin - Lammers-Zeisser/24H Architecture [image]- Guardian (UK)

Sneak-peek: "America's Best Architecture & Design Schools," published by Design Intelligence- ArchVoices

The big modern bang: "Neues Bauen International 1927-2002" at the WIZO Academy of Design and Education in Haifa...an almost complete reproduction of "The International Exhibition of New Construction: Plan and Models," organized in 1927 by Mies van der Rohe and Ludwig Hilberseimer. By Esther Zandberg- Ha`aretz (Israel)

Book Review: 'Brazil's Modern Architecture': Beautiful, brutal: but what about the people? - Oscar Niemeyer- Financial Times (UK)

Book Review: "Thomas Church, Landscape Architect: Designing a Modern California Landscape"; "The Ranch House": Let city dwellers sneer -- the suburbs did, and do, cast a spell. By John King- San Francisco Chronicle

Architects as saints or psychos: On film... By Arrol Gellner- San Francisco Chronicle

Daniel Arts Center, Simon's Rock College of Bard: A unique school builds a cultural haven in the Berkshire Hills. - Ann Beha Architects [images]- ArchNewsNow

Gehry, Santiago Calatrava, Tadao Ando, and more to come ...

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